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**Professional Experience:**

Department of Political Science and Law, Montclair State University, Montclair, N.J.  
Associate Professor in September 2014  
Assistant Professor, 2009-2014  
Deputy Chair, 2013-present

Department of Government, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.  
Jack Miller Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer, 2008-2009  
Teaching Fellow and Instructor, 2004-2008

**Education:**

Ph.D. in Government, Georgetown University, July 2008  
Fields of Study: Political Theory and Security Studies  
Dissertation: "Nostalgia, Memory, and Decline at the Dawn of Modern Political Thought"

M.A. in Security Studies, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, December 2005  
Concentration: International Security

B.A. in History, University of California, Los Angeles, September 2002  
*Cum Laude*, with College Honors and Highest Departmental Honors  
Senior Thesis: "Power, Disputes, and Settlements: Conflict Resolution in Europe c. 900-c. 1100"

**Edited Volume:**

*A Political Companion to Walker Percy*. Edited by Peter A. Lawler and Brian A. Smith. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2013; paperback 2014.

**Peer-Reviewed Essays:**

"Edmund Burke and the Limitations of Historical Thought," *Anamnesis*, Vol. 1, No. 2, (Summer 2012), pp. 5-27.

"Losing Sight of Man: Percy and Tocqueville on the Fate of the Human Sciences," *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 40, No. 3 (July-September 2011), pp. 140-146.

"Smith and Tocqueville on the Commercial Ethos," *Journal of Markets and Morality*, Vol. 13, No. 1 (Spring 2010), pp. 29-44.

"Statesmanship and the Problem of Theoretical Generalization" (with J. Furman Daniel, III), *Polity*, Vol. 42, No. 2 (April 2010), pp. 156-184.

“Adam Smith and the Culture of Enterprise,” *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 37, No. 4 (Fall 2008), pp. 200-205.

“Edmund Burke, the Warren Hastings Trial, and the Moral Dimension of Corruption,” *Polity*, Vol. 40, No. 1 (January 2008), pp. 70-94.

“*Democracy in America* and the Possibilities for Law without the State,” *The Journal of Libertarian Studies*, Vol. 21, No. 2 (Summer 2007), pp. 21-44.

“The Rift in the Modern Mind: Tocqueville and Percy on the Rise of the Cartesian Self” (with Matthew Sitman), *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 36, No. 1 (Winter 2007), pp. 15-22.

“Adam Smith, the Concept of Leisure, and the Division of Labor,” *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, Vol. 34, No. 1 (Fall/Winter 2006), pp. 23-46.

### **Essays in Edited Volumes:**

“Walker Percy’s Last Men: *Love in the Ruins* as a Fable of American Decline,” in *A Political Companion to Walker Percy*, ed. Peter Augustine Lawler and Brian A. Smith (University Press of Kentucky, 2013), pp. 179-206.

“The Rift in the Modern Mind: Tocqueville and Percy on the Rise of the Cartesian Self” (with Matthew Sitman), *Democracy Reconsidered*, ed. Elizabeth Kaufer Busch and Peter Augustine Lawler (Lexington Books, 2009), pp. 101-117.

### **Current Projects:**

*Walker Percy and the Politics of the Wayfarer*, book manuscript in preparation

“Tocqueville on Historical Memory and Democratic Liberty”

“Integrating Classical Liberalism into International Thought” (with Kathryn Goldner)

“Burke and Clausewitz on the Limitation of War” (with J. Furman Daniel, III)

### **Review Essays:**

“Giving Partisanship Its Due” (Review of Nancy Rosenblum, *On the Side of the Angels: An Appreciation of Parties and Partisanship*), Doublethink Online, March 2009.

“Roger Scruton and the Conservation of Culture,” *Society*, Vol. 45, No. 6 (December 2008), pp. 557-561.

### **Areas of Teaching Competence:**

History of Political Thought: early modern European thought, critics and defenders of modernity, philosophies of history, American political thought, history of political economy.

International Affairs: just war theory, international relations theory, and international security.

**Courses Taught:**

Montclair State University

Introduction to Politics  
Essentials of Political Thought  
Essentials of Jurisprudence  
Film and Politics  
NEH Enduring Questions Course: What Sustains Liberty?  
Development of Political Thought to Machiavelli  
Modern Political Thought  
Character and Virtue in the History of Political Thought  
Socialism, Markets, and Liberty  
Honors Seminar in Great Books and Ideas II  
Introduction to International Relations  
Globalization and Security  
Grand Strategy and War  
War and International Security  
The Politics and Morality of War  
Directed Studies (graduate and undergraduate): History of Political Thought, Theology and Political Thought, Research in Grand Strategy, Walker Percy, Contemporary Political Thought, Secularism, Natural Law and Natural Rights, Diplomacy and Statecraft, Modern Political Analysis, Theories of Political Economy, and International Relations Theory

Georgetown University

American Political Theory  
America and the World: Theory and Practice  
Just War Theory  
Issues in American Political Thought  
Machiavelli and the Art of Statecraft in Modernity  
Tocqueville and Nietzsche  
Elements of Political Theory

**Research Advising:**

Senior Thesis Advisor for Hadid Simmons, “Security, Norms, or Special Interests: What Drives Iran’s Nuclear Ambitions?,” Montclair State University, 2012.

Senior Thesis Advisor for Robert Corr, “Political Psychology: A Discipline Divided Cannot Stand,” Montclair State University, 2011-2012.

Senior Thesis Advisor for Jeffrey Sisco, “A Review of Counterinsurgency from the American Perspective,” Montclair State University, 2011-2012.

Doctoral Dissertation Reader for Ralph L. DeFalco, III, “Striking First: Legality, Morality and Efficacy of Preemptive and Preventive Acts of State,” Georgetown University, 2009-2011 (successfully defended, April 8, 2011).

**Conference Papers and Presentations:**

“Walker Percy and the Honor-Bound South,” scheduled for presentation at

- Conference on Faith and History, Mailbu, CA, September 26, 2014
- American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 29, 2014

“Tocqueville on Historical Memory and Democratic Freedom,” presented at

- American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 31, 2014 (scheduled)
- Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 16, 2013
- New England Political Science Association Conference, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, April 27, 2012

“The Mishmash Theory of Man,” presented at “Still Lost in the Cosmos: Walker Percy and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” the 2<sup>nd</sup> Biannual Conference of the Walker Percy Center for Publishing and Writing at Loyola University, New Orleans, October 12, 2013

“Alexis de Tocqueville: Philosopher of Civil Society,” invited lecture at the Acton Institute’s summer conference, Acton University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 16, 2011

“Prudence and Wars of Ideology: Edmund Burke’s ‘Crusade’ Against the French Revolution,” presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, Hartford, Connecticut, April 30, 2011

“Burke and Clausewitz on the Perils of War in a Radical Age,” (with J. Furman Daniel, III), presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, Hartford, Connecticut, April 30, 2011

“Toward a Moral Economy, or: Is Capitalism Just Greed?,” invited lecture for “Year of the Economy” series at Moorpark College, Moorpark, California, March 21, 2011

“Edmund Burke and the Limitations of Historical Thought,” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, November 13, 2010

“Losing Sight of Man: Percy and Tocqueville on the Fate of the Human Sciences,” invited lecture at the Conference on Science and Virtue at Berry College, Rome, Georgia, November 4, 2010

“Walker Percy’s Last Men: *Love in the Ruins* as a Fable of American Decline,” presented at:

- American Political Science Association Conference, Washington, D.C., September 3, 2010
- New England Political Science Association Conference, Newport, Rhode Island, April 24, 2010
- Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 8, 2009

“That Unequalled Spirit of Enterprise: The Link Between Political Economy and Strategy in *The Federalist*,” presented at:

- Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 21, 2009
- Jack Miller Postdoctoral Fellowship Lecture, Georgetown University, April 16, 2009

“Recognizing Providence: Tocqueville on Equality, Memory, and Decline,” presented at:

- Association for Political Theory Conference, College Station, Texas, October 24, 2009
- Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, November 15, 2008

“Smith and Tocqueville on the Commercial Ethos,” presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, Portland, Maine, May 8, 2009

“Breaking Truth and Nature: Burke on Memory and Decline in Revolutionary Times,” presented at:

- American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, August 29, 2008
- Political Theory Workshop, Georgetown University, April 4, 2007
- Western Political Science Association Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 8, 2007

“Adam Smith and the Culture of Enterprise,” invited lecture at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, DC, April 3, 2008

“Parsimony is a False God” (with Furman Daniel), presented at the Working Group on International Security, Georgetown University, November 7, 2007

“Rousseau’s Nostalgic Politics and the Idea of Decline,” presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, Newton, Massachusetts, April 28, 2007

“Honor, Greatness, and the Attenuation of Envy in *Democracy in America*,” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, November 11, 2006

“Adam Smith, the Concept of Leisure, and the Division of Labor,” presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 20, 2006

“*Democracy in America* and the Possibilities for Law without the State,” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, November 13, 2004

**Conference, Colloquium, and Workshop Participation:**

Panel Chair, Organizer, and Discussant, “Alternative Approaches to International Relations,” New England Political Science Association Conference, Woodstock, Vermont, April 25, 2014

Panel Chair, Organizer, and Discussant, “Honor, Scientism, and Dystopia in Political Fiction,” New England Political Science Association Conference, Woodstock, Vermont, April 25, 2014

Panel Moderator, “It’s the Economy, Stupid,” 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research Symposium, Montclair State University, April 12, 2014

Chair and Discussant, “Freedom and Imagination, Republics and Individuals: Perspectives on the Enlightenment,” Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, November 13, 2010

Discussant, “The Dangers and Ideals of American Democracy in Literature and Film,” American Political Science Association Conference, Washington, D.C., September 4, 2010

Panel Chair and Organizer, “Memory, Individualism, and Democracy in American Literature,” American Political Science Association Conference, Washington, D.C., September 3, 2010

Panel Chair and Organizer, “Philosophy, Literature, and Decline in American Political Thought,” New England Political Science Association, Newport, Rhode Island, April 24, 2010

Panel Chair, “Religion and Politics in American Political Thought,” New England Political Science Association, Newport, Rhode Island, April 24, 2010

Moderator, “A Plan for Peace in the Middle East,” Montclair State University, April 15, 2010

Panel Chair and Organizer, “Virtue, Commerce, and American Government at the Founding,” Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 21, 2009

Panel Chair and Discussant, “Politics and the ‘Negative’: State and Subject Negotiating the Passions,” New England Political Science Association Conference, Portland, Maine, May 9, 2009

Panel Chair and Discussant, “Alienation, Freedom, and the Self in American Literature,” Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 8, 2009

Panel Chair and Discussant, “Patriarchal Liberalism? Gender, Equality and Authority,” Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, November 15, 2008

Discussant, “England and America in the Thought of Montesquieu and Tocqueville,” Western Political Science Association Conference, San Diego, California, March 20, 2008

Panel Chair and Discussant, “Terror and Violence,” Western Political Science Association Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 8, 2007

Discussant for Gur Hirshberg, “Mild Cosmopolitanism,” Political Theory Workshop, Georgetown University, November 30, 2006

Discussant for Sharon Krause, “Moral Sentiment, Democratic Politics, and the Feeling of Impartiality,” Political Theory Colloquium, Georgetown University, February 23, 2006

### **Fellowships and Grants:**

Charles G. Koch Foundation Grant for Student Fellowships and Funding, 2013-2015

Friedman Faculty Fund Award, Institute for Humane Studies, Summer 2013

“What Sustains Liberty?,” National Endowment for the Humanities Enduring Questions Grant, 2011-2013

Charles G. Koch Foundation Grant for “Liberty in America” Lecture Series, Spring 2012

Fellowship Research Grant, H.B. Earhart Foundation, Summer 2011

Graduate Fellow, Tocqueville Forum on the Roots of American Democracy, Georgetown University, 2006-2008

Political and Social Thought Teaching Fellowship, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Academic Year 2006-7

Richard M. Weaver Fellowship, Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Academic Year 2006-7

Publius Fellowship, The Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy, Summer 2006

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2005-2008

H. B. Earhart Fellowship, Earhart Foundation, 2004-2006

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Academic Year 2003-4

Graduate Fellowship, Department of Government, Georgetown University, 2003-2008

**Awards and Honors:**

First Prize, Templeton Enterprise Award for Best Article on the Culture of Enterprise (for “Adam Smith and the Concept of Leisure”), October 2007

Best TA Award, Academic Year 2006-7, Department of Government, Georgetown University

Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Academic Year 2005-6, Department of Government, Georgetown University

Carey McWilliams Prize for Best Senior Thesis in History, UCLA, June 2002

Vice Provost’s Prize for Best Non-Fiction Essay, College of Arts and Sciences, UCLA, June 2001

**Professional Service:**

Member, Curriculum Committee, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Montclair State University, 2012-2013

Reviewer for National Endowment for the Humanities Enduring Questions Grant Program, 2012-2013

Executive Council, Politics, Literature and Film Section, American Political Science Association, 2011-present

Member, Comparative Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science and Law, Montclair State University, 2011-2012

Organizer for lecture series on “Liberty in America,” Montclair State University, Spring 2011

Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, Political Science and Law Club, and Young Americans for Liberty, Montclair State University, September 2010-present

Member, Jurisprudence Search Committee, Department of Political Science and Law, Montclair State University, 2010-2011

Middle States Assessment Coordinator for Political Science Major, Montclair State University, 2010-2011

Member, Political Science and Law Curriculum Committee, Montclair State University, 2009-Present

Manuscript reviewer for *Perspectives on Political Science* (2008-present), *Social Theory and Practice* (2011), *Anamnesis* (2012), and *The Review of Politics* (2013)

Tocqueville Forum on the Roots of American Democracy, Georgetown University, 2006-2009

- Assisted planning and program development
- Grant writing and fundraising
- Convener of the Tocqueville Forum Reading Group, a weekly undergraduate discussion